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SUBJECT: GICNT MESSAGE DELIVERED - FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

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[1](#)1. (U) This is an action request. Post requests guidance on the questions below received from ROKG.

[1](#)2. (U) On August 19, per reftel, PolMiloff informed Director Koo Hyun-mo of the Disarmament and Nonproliferation Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) that the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) is an official observer organization to the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT). Koo stated that the Republic of Korea (ROKG) does not have any concerns about this matter.

[1](#)3. (U) Koo, however, had several more general questions about the GICNT. These included: How can new members, either states or international organizations, join the GICNT in observer status or member status? Can any state or organization join or is a conference required with some sort of voting process? Koo noted that when Interpol joined GICNT there was no prior notification to the ROKG, which only found out at the plenary meeting in June.

[1](#)4. (U) What is the procedure for observers or member states to participate in the GICNT? What is the decision-making process? How are matters of concern addressed?

[1](#)5. (U) And finally, is there any new information available regarding the March 2010 Nuclear Security Summit proposed by President Obama? How will this summit tie together with the GICNT? Is there a connection between the two? Koo stated the ROKG is waiting for more information and an invitation to the March summit.

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